

Warning Signs of Workers' Compensation Fraud

Experience shows that when two or more of the following factors are present in a workers' compensation claim, there is a chance that the claim may be fraudulent. Many perfectly legitimate claims may contain one or any number of these characteristics. If you are unsure, call the Workers' Compensation Fraud Section at **1-800-201-3362** or email WCFraud@ldol.state.la.us.

- **Monday Morning**
The alleged injury occurs late on a Friday afternoon but is not reported until Monday.
- **Employment Change**
A reported accident occurs just before or after a strike, layoff, end of a big project, or at the conclusion of seasonal work, or immediately following disciplinary action and/or termination.
- **New Employee**
Injured employee has been on the job 30 days or less.
- **No Witnesses**
No one sees the accident, and the employee's own description does not logically support the cause of the injury.
- **Details Surrounding Accident Changes**
Details given to the immediate supervisor by the injured worker are different when the details are given to complete the first report of injury.
- **Injury Never Reported**
The injured employee states that he/she reported the accident to his/her immediate supervisor. Later it is determined that the injury was never reported.
- **History of Changes**
The claimant has a history of frequently changing physicians, changing addresses and numerous past employment changes.
- **Suspicious Claims History**
The claimant has a record of numerous, suspicious or litigated claims.
- **Claimant Hard to Reach**
Beware the claimant who is hard to reach at home when allegedly disabled.
- **Attorney Representation**
The claimant has hired an attorney before the first report of injury has been completed.